Date on which price increase was effective	Increase in retail issue price of levy sugar (Rs. per Kilogram)		
	From	To	Extent of Increase
15-12-86	4.80	4.85	0.05
1-1-88	4.85	5.10	0.25
1-1-89	5.10	5.25	0.15

Tribal student hostels in Orissa

2807. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Orissa where Tribal student hostels have been set up during 1984 to 1989;

(b) whether the Union Government have any provision for providing financial aid for setting up tribal hostels in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details of funds granted during 1984—89;

(d) whether more such hostels are proposed to be set up in Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposed location and estimate of such hostels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a), (d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which State Governments are provided grants on a 50:50 matching basis for construction/expansion of hostels for Scheduled Tribe girls, subject to ceilings specified per seat.

(c) From 1984-85 to 1988-89, Rs. 70.0 lakhs have been released to Orissa under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Strike by Indian Workers in Kuwait

2808. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one thousand Indian construction workers have been on strike in Kuwait because they have not been paid for the past four months; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to eliminate the sufferings of the workers and to bring them back to India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Indian Embassy in Kuwait, about 1000 Indian workers recruited by two Kuwaiti companies under the same proprietor *viz.* M/s. Al Burdah Trading and Contracting Company and M/s. Al Fawares Construction and Development company, to work on a housing project in Al Quarain Area of Kuwait stopped work from third week of January, 1989 on account of non-payment of wages. The Indian Mission intervened vigorously with the Kuwaiti employer and with sub-contractors and also took up the matter wih the Government of Kuwait for a settlement of the problem. The Mission has maintained constant liaison with the representatives of the workers, management and the sub-contractors and pursuing the matter with the Government of Kuwait.